

**Common Council Minutes
Tuesday September 2, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stocks called the regular meeting of the City of Watertown Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2025. This meeting was open for attendance in the council chambers as well as virtually.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Alderpersons present: Ald. Davis, Lampe, Berg, Blanke, Arnett (virtual), Wetzel and Moldenhauer. Absent was Ald. Bartz and Ald. Smith. City staff present were Police Chief David Brower, Finance Director Mark Stevens, Streets Superintendent Stacy Winkelman (virtual), Public Works Director Andrew Beyer (virtual), Water/Wastewater Manager Pete Hartz, and City Clerk Megan Dunneisen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

Mayor Stocks inquired if there were additions or corrections to minutes of the Common Council meeting held Tuesday, August 19, 2025. There being none, Ald. Berg moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Chris Ross of 432 W. Clover Cottage Grove, Marguerita Haase of 706 Crestview Dr., Gary Weller of 760 N. Church St., Elizabeth Fritz of 112 N. Maple St., Anthony Scola of 212 Dewey Ave spoke on warming shelters.

REPORTS

(Complete minutes are open for public inspection in the Finance/Clerk Department.)

The following reports were received and filed: Transit Commission minutes from June 23, 2025, Town Square Programming Commission minutes from July 16, 2025, Site Plan Review minutes from August 11, 2025, Plan Commission minutes from August 11, 2025, Finance Committee minutes from August 11, 2025, Public Works minutes from August 26, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Berg made a motion to appoint Nick Krueger to the Plan Commission serving his first three-year term expiring September 1, 2028, replacing Alyse Talaga, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Payroll Summary - August 6 through August 19, 2025, was presented.

LICENSES:

Ald. Blanke made a motion to approve the application from Steeltank Brewery for a Producer Off-site Full-Service Retail Sales on September 7, 2025 at 202 Air Park Drive during the hours of 10am-3pm, seconded by Ald. Lampe and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCES

Ord. 25-22 - Ordinance to Create Section 428-1 Riverfest of the City of Watertown General Ordinances (Sponsor: Ald. Davis From: Public Safety and Welfare Committee, Second Reading). Ald. Davis moved for adoption of ordinance 25-22 on its second reading, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-5 (Davis, Blanke, Arnett, Wetzel, Moldenhauer); No-1 (Berg); Abstain-0 (Ald. Lampe recused himself from discussion and vote).

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions below are listed in order of the agenda but may not be the order by which they were taken up at the Council meeting.

Exh. 9780 - Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$2,863,161 taxable water systems revenue bonds, Series 2025, and providing for other details and covenants with respect thereto (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Arnett moved to adopt resolution 9780, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9781 - Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$276,918 taxable general obligation promissory notes, series 2025A, and providing for other details and covenants with respect thereto (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Arnett moved to adopt resolution 9781, seconded by Ald. Wetzell and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9782 - Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$964,017 taxable general obligation promissory notes, series 2025B, and provide for other details and covenants with respect thereto (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Arnett moved to adopt resolution 9782, seconded by Ald. Wetzell and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9783 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Principal Forgiven Financial Assistance Agreement for Lead Service Line removal project 5439-09 (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Berg moved to adopt resolution 9783, seconded by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9784 - Resolution to award Ultra-Violet Disinfection System replacement base bid to Rhode Brothers, Inc. for a total of \$228,000 (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Moldenhauer moved to adopt resolution 9784, seconded by Ald. Davis and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9785 - Resolution to approve change order No. 1 to Contract #6-25 Bituminous Surfacing with Wolf Paving (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Blanke moved to adopt resolution 9785, seconded by Ald. Berg and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

Exh. 9786 - Resolution to adopt City of Watertown Aquatic Vegetation Management Standard Operating Procedure (Sponsor: Ald. Arnett From: Public Works Commission). Ald. Arnett moved to adopt resolution 9786, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-0; Abstain-0.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

Chris Ross of 432 W. Clover Cottage Grove spoke on warming shelters.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Ald. Blanke moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Davis, and carried by unanimous voice vote at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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